

**REMARKS**

The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the amendments and the following remarks. Support for amended claim 1 “substituent R having 4 carbon-atoms” is disclosed in the examples of the present application (see especially example 2) as well as in the specification of the present application (see formulae VIII, IX, XII, XIII, XVI, XVII, XX and XXI). No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-6, 8, and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. The Examiner stated that the specification, while being enabling for specific bis(halomethyl)arylenes and compounds of formula I, does not reasonably provide enablement for the broad geneses claimed. The applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The Examiner stated at page 3 of the office action,

[a]s the claims encompass a much broader range of compounds than those demonstrated to give soluble products, the original specification has not shown a person having ordinary skill in the art the time of invention how to make polymers with the claimed solubility with the claimed monomer and compound geneses.

Although the applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner, in order to expedite prosecution, the applicant has amended claim 1 by limiting the definition of R.

The applicant believes that the definition of R “an alkyl chain which has from 4 to 40 carbon atoms . . .” fulfills the requirement concerning solubility. As a consequence thereof, large substituent should also fulfill this requirement. Therefore, the applicant believes that the claims are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. For the above reasons, this rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 14113-00028-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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